duty of only 5%. In addition, 80% of the accelerated depreciation is available to wind power companies. Wind electric generator manufacturer is exempt from payment of central excise duty. Resource assessment and R&D support is being provided by Centre for Wind Energy Technology, an institution under the administrative control of this Ministry.

Wind Energy Mills

*113. SHRIBALAVANT4LMSBALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wind energy mills working in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase power generation through wind energy sources;

(c) if so, the States where steps have been taken in that regard with Central assistance;

(d) whether the potential of wind energy in Orissa has not been fully tapped; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Wind power projects aggregating 2980 MW have been installed in the country so far. State-wise wind power installed capacity is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Yes, Sir. A target for wind power capacity addition of 1500MW has been fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan as compared to an achievement of about 730 MW during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) Central Financial Assistance has been provided to nine States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal for setting up of wind farm demonstration projects. Wind Resource Assessments have also been supported in these states as well as in several other states. In addition, fiscal incentives and term loans are provided for commercial wind power projects.

(d) and (e) Wind Resource Assessments have been carried out at 11 locations in Orissa. Based on this, 6 sites with moderate potential along east coast-line have been identified for setting up wind power projects. Since wind power projects are private sector driven the level of deployment depends upon investor confidence in the State.

Statement

State-wise Wind Power Installed Capacity As On 31.12.2004 *(Mw)*

Andhra Pradesh	101.3
Gujarat	219.9
Karnataka	276.0
Kerala	2.0
Madhya Pradesh	27.6
Maharashtra	411.2
Rajasthan	263.2
Tamil Nadu	1677.4
West Bengal	1.1
Others	0.5
TOTAL:	2980.2

Indo-Pak economic cooperation

*114. Dr. MAM. RAMASWAMY:

DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan decided to set up a joint study group on economic cooperation between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether this decision was taken after joint meeting of both India and Pakistan Commerce Ministers held in January, 2005;

(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken and to what extent this study group will help to improve economic cooperation between two countries; and